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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, the line following the Title please insert:

---Cross-Reference to Related Application

This is a continuation of international application PCT/JP99/05305, filed September 29, 1999, which designated the U.S.---

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